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In re Patent Application of:
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For: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR
ATTACHING A PROSTHESIS WITHIN
A BODY LUMEN OR HOLLOW
ORGAN

Examiner: M. Ryckman

Group Art Unit: 3773

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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 & § 1.98**

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Dear Madam:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and § 1.98, Applicants submit for consideration in the above-identified application the documents listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08a/b. A copy of U.S. Patent Application No. 13/162,384 (document numbered 23) on the attached Form PTO/SB/08a/b is not included herewith. This protocol conforms with the waiver of the requirement under 37 CFR §1.98 to provide copies of pending U.S. Patent Applications. Copies of the foreign documents and non-patent literature are submitted herewith. The Examiner is requested to make these documents of record.

Applicants would like to draw the Examiner's attention to the fact that item no. 11 (WO 95/21592) listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08a/b is the English language counterpart of item no. 09 (JP 2005-046648).

Applicants would like to draw the Examiner's attention to the fact that item no. 197 (WO 03/045467) listed on the Form PTO/SB/08a/b submitted April 26, 2011 is the English language counterpart of item no. 10 (JP 2005-510303).

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